



THE SEGE OF JERUSALEM



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Einleitung.

Während meines Aufenthalts in London und Oxford (1883) beschäftigte ich mich unter anderem auch mit den verschiedenen Handschriften des mittelenglischen Gedichtes: *The Sege of Jerusalem.* Die beste Fassung enthält zweifellos (wie auch Dr. Ferdinand Kopka in seiner Inaugural-Dissertation: »The Destruction of Jerusalem, ein mittelenglisches, alliterierendes Gedicht. Einleitung. Breslau 1887« sehr geschickt nachgewiesen hat) das Bodl. Ms. Laud. F. 22 (656). Wie mir Dr. Furnivall, der Direktor der Early English Text Society in London, mitzuteilen die Güte hatte, ist dieses Gedicht, obgleich es schon seit Jahren auf der Liste der genannten Gesellschaft steht, noch nicht im Druck erschienen. Ich benutze daher das diesjährige Programm unserer Anstalt zur Veröffentlichung desselben.

Laud. F. 22 (656) ist eine Oxforder Pergamenthandschrift des 15. Jahrhunderts. In dieser Hs. nimmt unser Gedicht Fol. 1a—19 ein. Das ganze Gedicht umfasst 1332 alliterierende Langverse. Es ist in vier Abschnitte geteilt, die durch rote Anfangsbuchstaben kenntlich gemacht sind und auch dem Inhalte nach sich gut von einander scheiden. Der erste Abschnitt führt die Geschichte bis zur Schilderung der Schlachtordnung der Römer im Thale Josaphat. Er schliesst mit v. 438: *now bleſſe vs our lorde.* Der zweite Abschnitt beginnt mit der Schilderung der Kriegsrüstung der Juden, die zum Angriff gegen die Römer aus der Stadt ziehen und reicht bis zum Entschluss des Vespasian, die Stadt durch Hunger zu bezwingen (bis v. 888: *and god gyue vs grace*). Der dritte Abschnitt beginnt mit der Erzählung der Geschichte der römischen Kaiser Nero, Galba, Otho, Vitellius, und berichtet zum Schluss, dass die Juden durch einen unterirdischen Gang einen Ausfall zu machen beschliessen (bis v. 1104: *and god gyue vs joye*). Der vierte Abschnitt erzählt diesen Ausfall, der abgeschlagen wird, und schliesst mit der Eroberung der Stadt und der Zerstörung des Tempels. Die Juden werden als Sklaven in alle Länder verkauft und zwar immer je 30 für einen Pfennig, und die Römer ziehen, nachdem der Zweck ihres Kriegszuges (Bestrafung der Mörder Christi) erfüllt ist, fröhlich in ihr Vaterland zurück (bis v. 1332: *now rede ous our lord*). Im Übrigen verweise ich auf die schon oben erwähnte Dissertation, die leider wie so viele andere bis jetzt noch keine Fortsetzung erfahren hat. Ich stimme mit dem geehrten Herrn Verfasser in allen wichtigen Punkten, die Zählung der Verse im Laud. Ms. ausgenommen, vollständig überein.

In tyberius tyme · þe trewe empor
sir sesar hȳ sulf · sayſed in rome
whyle pylat was puoſt · vnder þt pence riche
& jewen iuſtice also · ī judens londis
5 herodes vnder hs empie · as heritage wolde
Kyng of galile was ycalled · whan þt cest deyed
þey sesar sakles wer · þt oft s̄yne hatide
þrow pylat pyned he was · & put on þe rode
apyler pyȝt was doū · vpon þe playn erþe
10 hs body bonden þe to · beten wt scourgis
whyppes of quyrboyle · by wente hs white sides
Til he al on rede blode ran · as rayn on þe ſtrete
suþ ſtoked hȳ on a ſtole · wt ſtyf mānes hondis
blyndfelled hȳ as a be · & boffetis hȳ raȝte
15 ȝif þu be pphete of pes · pphecie þey sayde
whiche mā her aboute · bolled þe laſte
A þrange þornē croune · was þraſte on hs hed
vmbe caſten hȳ wt a cry · & on a croys slowen
for al þe harme þt he hadde · haſted he noȝt
20 On hē þe vyleny to venge · þt hs veynys broſten
bot ay taried on þe tyme · ȝif þey torne wolde
ȝaf hē space þt hȳ ſpilide · þey ht spedde lyte
xl wynte was as y fynde · & no fewer ȝyrys.
or pences pesed ī hē · þt hȳ to pyne wroȝt
25 Til ht tydde on a tyme · þt tyt9 of rome
þt alle gaſtoyne gatē · & gyan þe noble
whyle noye noyet hȳ · īto neroes tyme
he hadde a malady · vnmeke a myd þe face
þe lyppe lyþon a lūpe · lyuered on þe cheke
30 so a canker vnclene · ht cloched to gedres
alſo hs fader of fleſche · is ferty bytide
Abiker of waſpen bees · bredde on hs noſe
Hyued vpon hs hed · he hadde hē of ȝouþe
And Waſpaſian was caled · þe waſpene bees afte
35 Was neñ syknes sorer · þā þs sir þoled
for ī a alite he lay · laſer at rome
out of galace was gon · to glade hȳ a ſtounde
for ī þt cuþe he was Kyng · þey he car þolede
Nas þe no leche vpon lyue · þs lordes couþ helpe
40 Ne no gace growyng · to gayne her grym sores
Now was þe on nothan · neymes sone of grecys
þt souȝt oft oñ þe se · fam cyte to oþe
knewe contreys fele · kyngdomes manye
& was a mareñ myche · & marchaunt boþe
45 senſtens ot of surye · sent hȳ to rome
To þe athel epor · an eraunde fam þe jewes
caled nero by name · þt hȳ to noye wroȝt
of hs tebute to telle · pt þey wt take wolde
Nathan toward nero · nome on hs way
50 Oñ þe grekys gounde · myd þe grym yþes
An heye setteþ þe sayl · oñ þe wode wate
& wt a dromoūd on þe deepe · drof on faſte
þe wolcom wāned a nō · & þe wate skeweþ
Cloudes clateren gon · as þey cleue wolde
55 þe racke myd arede wynde · roos on þe myddel
& sone sette on þe se · ot of þe souþ syde
blewe on þe brode se · bolued vp harde
Nathānys naue a nō · on norþ dryneþ
so þe wedor & þe wynd · on þe wate metyn
60 þt alle hurtled on an hepe · þt þe helm zemyd
Nathan flatte for ferde · & ful vnder hacchys
let þe wedor & þe wynde · worþe ht lyked
þe schip scher vpon schore · schot froward rome
Toward vncouþ coſtes · kareieþ þe yþes
65 Rapis vnradly · vmbe ragged torres
þe brode sayt at o brayd · to breſteþ a twynne
That on ende of þe ſſchip · was ay toward heuē
þt oþe doū in þe deep · as alle drenche wolde
wt mychel langor atte laſte · as or lord wolde
70 alle was born at a by · to burdewes hauene
by þt wer bernes atte banke · barōns & knyȝtes
& suþ of þe syȝt · selcouþ þoȝt
þt eñ barge oþe bot · or berne vpon lyue
vnperſched paſſed hatte · þe pyles wer so many
75 they token hȳ to titus · for he þe tonge couþe
& he fraynes how fer · þe flode hadde yferked
Sir out of ſurre · he seide · y am come
To nero sondiſmā · sent þe ſenator of rome
ffam senſtens hs suiant · wt cetayn letees
80 þt is iuſtiſe & iuge · of jewen lawe

Me wer leñ at þt londe · lord leue þt y wer
þā alle þe gold oþe good · þt eñ god made
The kyng in to 9ſeyl · calleþ hȳ sone
& saide cauſte þu any cur · or craft vpon erþe
85 To ſofte þe grete sore · þt sitteþ on my cheke
& y schal þe redly rewarde · & to rome sende
Nathan nyckes hȳ wt nay · sayde he nō couþe
Bot wer þu kyng ī þt kuþþe · þe þt crist deyed
þe is a wordlich wip · a wōmā ful clene
90 That haþ softyng & salue · for eche sore out
Telle me tyt χ titus · & the schal tyde bettre
what medecyn is moſt · þt þat may vſeþ
wheþer gōmes oþer grces · or any goode drenches
oþer chauntemētes or charmes · y charge þe to say
95 Nay nō of þe χ nathan · bot now wole y say
þe was a lede ī or londe · while he lif hadde
Preued for a pphete · þrow pryſed dedes
& born in bethleem · one by of a burde schene
& ȝo a mayde vnmarred · pt neñ mā touched
100 as clene as clef · þe cristalle sprynges
wt ot hoſebondes helpe · saue þe holy goſte
A kyng & a knaue child · ȝo 9ceyued at hir ere
A touche of þe trenyte · touched her hadde
þre pſones ī o place preued to gedres
105 Eche grayn is o god · & o god bot alle
& alle þre ben bot one · as eldres vs tellen
þe firſt is þe fader · þt fovmed was neñ
þe ſe is þe sone · of hs sede growyn
The þredde ī heuē myd hē · is þe holy goſte
110 Neþer merked ne made · bot mene fum hē paſſyþ
Alle ben þey endeles · & eñ of o myȝt
& weren endeles eñ · byfor þe world was bygone
As sone was þe sone · as þe self fader
þe holy goſte wt hē · hadde þey eñ
115 The ſe pſone þe sone · sent was to erþe
To take careynes kynde · of a clene mayde
& so vnknowen he came · caytifes to helpe
& wroȝt wondres y nowe ay · tille he wo driede
Wyne he wroȝt of water · at o word ene
120 Ten laſares at a logge · he leched at enys
pyned myd piles · he putte to hele
& ded mē fro þe deþ · eche day he rered
Croked & cancred · he keuered hē alle
boþ þe dombe & þe deue · myd hs der wordes
125 dide myracles many mo · þā y ī mȳde haue
Nis no clerk wt coūtovs · couþe aliedel rekene
fyf þouſand of folke · is fejr to here
wt two fiſches he fedde · & fif ber loues
þt eche freke hadde hs fulle · & ȝit fejre leued
130 of brede & of broke mete · baſcketes full twelue

þe ſuwed hȳ out of an cite · sixty & twey
Tō do what he dempter · diſciples wer hoten
hē to citees he sende · his sawes to preche
Ay by two & by two · til hy wer a twynne
135 Hȳ suwed ot of anoþer cite · semelich twelue
Pore mē & noȝt pphete · aposteles wer hoten
þt of cayftes he ches · holy churche to encresche
þe otwale of þs worlde · þs wer h names
Peter · james · & jon · & jacob þe ferþe
140 & þe fyfþe of hs felawys · phelip was hoten
þe sixte symond was caled · & þe seueþ eke
Bertholomewe þat hs bone · neñ breke nolde
The eyȝt mā was mathu · þt is myche yloued
Tadde & tomas · her ben ten euen
145 & andreu þe elleueþ · þt auntred hȳ myche
Byfor prences to preche · petrus broþer
þe laſte mā was vnlele · & luþer of hs dedis
Judas þt jħu crist · to þe jewes solde
suþ hȳ sulf he slowe · for sorow of þt dede
150 hs body on a balwe tree · to breſte on þe myddel
whā crist hadde heried helle · & was heuen paſſed
For þt māſed mā · mathie þey choſſyn
ȝit vnbaptiȝed wer boþe · barnabe & poule
& noȝt knewen of crist · bot comē sone after
155 þe prences & þe prelates · aȝen þe paſcke tyme
Alle þei hadde hȳ in hate · for hs holy werkes
ht was a doylful dede · whan þey hs deþ caſte
þrow pilat pyned he was · þe puoſt of rome
& þt worliche wif · þt arſt was ynempned
160 Haþ hs viſage ī hir veil · veronyk zo hatte
peynted preuely & playn · þt no poynt wanteþ
for loue he left ht hir · til hir lyues ende
þe is no gome ī þs erþe · þt is grym woūded
Meſelry ne meſchef · ne mā vpon erþe
165 þt kneleþ doū to þt cloþ · & on crist leueþ
bot alle hapneþ to helle · m & handwhyle
at rome reyned þe empov · χ þe kȳg riche þā
Ceſar sȳful wrecche · þt sent hȳ fum rome
why nadde þy lycam be leyd · low vnder erþe
170 whan pilat puoſt was made · suche a prence to jugge
& or þs wordes wer · wonne to þe ende
þe canker þt þe kyng hadde · clenly was heled
wt ot faute þe face · of fleſche & of hyde
as newe as þe nebbe · þt neñ was wēmyd
175 A corteys crist · seide þe kyng riche þā
Was neñ worke þt y wroȝt · worþy þe to telle
Ne dede þt y haue don · bot þy deþ mened
Ne neñ sey þe in siȝt · goddis sone der
bot now bayne me my bone · bleſſed lord
180 To ſtire nero wt noye · & newen hs sorowe

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& y schal buſke me boū · hē bale to wyrche
To do þe deueles of dawe · & þy deþ venge
Telle me tit ⁊ tit9 · what tokne he lafte
To hē þt knew hȳ for ceſt · & hs crafte leued
185 Nempne þe tenyte by name · ⁊ nathan at þries
& þe myd, baptemed be · in bleſſed wate
forþ þey fetten a font · & foulled hȳ þe
made hȳ ceſten kyng · þt for ceſt werred
corrours ī to eche coſte · þā þe cours nomen
190 & alle hs baronage breȝt · to burdewes hauen
suþ wt þe sondeſmā · he þouȝt to rome
þe ferly & þe fair cure · hs fader to schewe
& he gronnand glad · grete god þanked
& loude ceande on ceſt · carped & saide
195 worþy wemleſe god · in whom y byleue
& þu ī bethleem was born · of a bryȝt mayde
sende me hele of my hurt · & heyly y a fowe
To be ded for þy deþ · bot ht be der ȝolden
þt tyme pete was pope · & peched ī rome
200 þe lawe & þe lore · þt ov byleue aſkeþ
folowed faſte on þe folke · & to fayþ tovned
& ceſt wroȝt for þt wye · wondres ynow
þe of waſpaſian was war · þt þe waſpys hadde
sone sendeþ hȳ to · & þe soþe tolde
205 of ceſt & þe kerchef · þt keuered þe sike
as nathan neymes sone seide · þt to nero was come
þā to cōſayl was called · þe knyȝtes of rome
& aſſenteden sone · to sende meſſages
wt knyȝtes wer cud · þe clergyf to fecche
210 & aſked trewes of þe empov · þt erand to done
ac wt ot tebute or trewes · tenfulle wyes
þe knyȝtes wt þe kerchef · comē ful blyue
þe pope ȝaf pdoū to hē · þt paſſed þe aȝens
wt pceſſiōn & pes · pences & dukes
215 & whan þe wōmā was war · þt þe wede owede
To seint pete þe pope · ȝo platte to þe gounde
vmbe felde hs fete · & to þe freke saide
of þs kerchef & my cors · þe kepyng y þe take
þan bygan þe burne · bitely to wepe
220 for þe doylful deþ · of hs der mayſte
& longe ſtode in þe ſtede · or he ſtynte myȝt
whan he vncloſed þe cloþe · þt ceſtſ body touched
þe wede fum þe wōmā · þey warpen atte laſte
Receyued ht myd reſience · & rēuande teris
225 out of þe place · myd pes · þey paſſed on swyþe
& ay held ht on hey · þt alle byhold myȝt
þan xıȷ barouīs bolde · þe empov bade wende
& þe pope depte · fum þe pople faſte
veronyk & þe vail · waſpaſian þey broȝt
230 & seint pete þe pope · peſented boþe

bot a ferly byfelle · forþ myd hē alle
jn her tēple bytidde · tenful þynges
þe mahomid & þe mametes · to mortled to peces
& al to cuſed as þe cloþ · þroȝ þe kirke paſſed
235 jnto þe palice wt þe pence · þā þe pope ȝede
knyȝtes kepten þe cloþe · & on knees fallen
a flauov flambeþ þe fro · þey felleden ht alle
was neū odov ne eyr · vpon erþe swette
þe kerchef clauſed ht self · & so cler wexed
240 Myȝt no lede on ht loke · for liȝt þt ht schewed
as ht apched to þe pence · he put vp hs hed
for cōfort of þe cloþ · he ceed wel loude
lo lordlynges her · þe lykneſſe of ceſt
of whom my botnyng ybidde · for hs bitte woūdis
245 þā was wepyng & wo · & wryngyng of hondis
wt loude dyn & dit · for doil of hȳ one
þe pope availed þe vaile · & hs viſage touched
þe body suþ al aboute · bleſſed ht þrye
þe waſpys wentē a way · & alle þe wo afte
250 þt er laſar was longe · lyȝtte was neūe
þā was pypyng & play · hs pyne was a wey
þey ȝelden guce to god · þs two gete lordes
þe kerchef carieþ fum alle · & ī þe eyr hangyþ
þt þe sȳple pople myȝt ht se · ī tc sop tyme
255 þe veronycle afte veronyk · waſpaſian ht called
Garde ht gayly agyſen · in gold & ī selūe
ȝit is þe viſage ī þe vail · as veronyk hȳ broȝt
þe romaynes ht holdeþ at rome · & for a relyk ht holden
þs whyle nero hadde noye · & nō nyȝtes reſte
260 for hs tebute was wthold · as nathan told hadde
he cōmaūdiþ knyȝtes to come · cōsail to holde
Erles & alle mē · þe empov aboute
Aſſembled þe senatovs · sone vpon haſte
To iugge who jewes myȝt beſt · vpon þe jewys take
265 & alle demeden by dome · þo dukes to wende
þt wer cured þrow ceſt · þt þey on croys slowen
þt on waſpaſian was · of þe wyes twey
þt þe tunail vndertoke · & tite an oþe
A bold burne on a blonke · & of hs body comyn
270 No ferþe sib to hȳ self · bot hs sone der
crouned kynges boþe · & mychel ceſt loued
þt hadde hē ȝeuē of hs guce · & her grem ſtoyed
moſte þei hadde ht ī hert · her heſtes to kepe
& her forwardis to fulfille · þt þei byfor made
275 þan was rotlyng ī rome · rebbyng of brȳnyis
Schewyng of sharpe · scheldes y dreſſed
lauȝte leue at þt lord · leſten hs sygne
A gete dragōn of gold · & alle þe kyng folwed
By þt schippis wer ſchred · y ſchot on þe depe
280 Takled & a tired · on talterande yþes

ffreſch wate & wyn · woūden þu faſte
& ſtof of alle mañ store · þt hō ſtrengþe scholde
þe wer floynes a flot · farcoſtes many
Cogges & crayers · y caſteled alle
285 galees of grete ſtreyngþe · wt golden fanes
sprad on þe brod se · a boute four myle
þey tyȝten vp talſail · whā þe tide aſked
hadde byr at þe bake · & þe bonke lefte
souȝte oñ þe se · wt ſondeours manye
290 & ryued vp at port jaf · in judeis londys
suree ceſaris londe · þu may seken eñ
ful mychel wo mē bewroȝte · þe · ī þy blonke toūnes
Cytees vnder sene · now is ȝov ſorow vppe
þe deþ of þe dere worþ ceſt · der schal be ȝolden
295 Now is bethleem þy boſt · ybroȝt to an ende
Jerl̄m & ierico · for juggyd wrecchys
Schal neñ kyng of ȝov kynde · wt croune be ynoyntid
Ne jewe for jh̄c sake · ronke ī ȝov more
þey setten vpon eche ſide · surrie wtyn
300 brente ay at þe bak · & fut bar laften
was noȝt bot roryng & rich · ī alle þe riche toūnes
& red laſchyng lye · alle þe londe ouer
Token toū & tour · & teldes ful fele
broſten ȝates of braſſ · & many borwe wōnen
305 Holy þe heþen here · hewyn to gounde
Boþ ī bent & ī borwe · þt a bide wolde
þe jewes to ierl̄m · þt josophus dwelde
Flowen as þe foule deþ · þt fancoū wolde ſtrike
A cite vnder syon · ſett was ful noble
310 wt many a toret & tour · þt toū to defende
pences & pelates · & poreil of þe londe
clerkes & cōēs · of cōtrees a boute
wer schacked to þt cite · sacefice to make
At paſke tyme as peched hē · peſtes of þe lawe
315 Many swykel at þe ſweng · to þe swerd ȝede
for penyes paſſed nō · þoȝ he pay wolde
bot diden alle to þe deþe · & drewen hē afte
wt engynes to ierl̄m · þer jewes wer þykke
þey ſette sadly a sege · þe cite alle aboute
320 piȝten panelones doū · of pallen webbes
wt ropis of riche silk · rayſen vp ſwyþe
grete tentis as a toū · of torken cloþys
Thoppyn oñ þe cheuētayns · wt charboklis four
A gay egle of gold · on a gilde appul
325 wt grete dragoūs grym · alle ī gold wroȝte
& lyk to lyoūs alſo · lyande þe vnder
Paled & paynted · þe paneloū was vmbe
stoked ful of ſtorijs · ſtrayned myd armys
of quaynte colov to know · kerneld a lofte
330 An hundred ſtōdyng on ſtage · in þt ſtede one
Toured wt torettes · was þe tente þanne
suþ britaged a boute · briȝt to byholde
Eer alle þe sege was sette · ȝit of þe cite comyn
Meſſengees wer made · fum maiſtres of þe lawe
335 To þe chef cheuētayn · þey choſen her wey
deden mekly by monþe · her meſſage attonys
sayen þe cite haþ ȝu sent · to serche ȝov wille
To here þe cause of ȝov comyng · ȝif ȝe concyte wolde
Waſpaſian no word · to þe wyes schewed
340 Bot sendeþ sondiſmē aȝen · xıȷ siker knyȝtes
ȝaf hē charge to go · & þe gomes telle
þt alle þe cauſe of her coms · was ceſt forto venge
Sayþ y bidde hē be boū · biſcopes & oþe
To morow or vndren of þe day · open heded alle
345 vp her ȝates to ȝelde · wt ȝerdes an hande
Eche whiȝt ī a white scherte · & no wede ellys
jewyſe for jh̄u ceſt to take · by juggemēte to take
& make hē come þt ih̄u ceſt · þroȝ cōſeil bytuyede
Or y to þe walles schal wende · & walten alle oñe
350 schall no ſton vpon ſton · ſtonde by y paſſe
þs sondiſmē sadly · to þe cite ȝede
þe þe lordes of þe londe · lent weren alle
Tit tolden her tale · & wonder towe made
of ceſt & of cayphas · & how þey come scholde
355 & when þe knyȝtes of ceſt · carpyn bygoū
þe jewes token alle xıȷ · wt out talke mor
her hondis boūden at her bak · wt borden ſtanys
And of flocken her face · & her fair berdis
Mare hē naked as a nedel · to þe neþv houe
360 Her viſages blecken wt bleche · & al þe body afte
suþ knyt wt gret corde · to eche knyȝtes swer
A chefe & charged hē · her chyuētayn to ber
sayþ vn buxū we beþ · his biddyng to ȝete
Ne noȝt dreden hs dom · hs deþ haue we atled
365 He schal vs fynde ī þe felde · ne no ferr seke
To morowe pryme or ht paſſe · & to ȝov pence telliþ
þe burnes buſken ot of burwe · boūden alle twelf
Aȝen meſſage to make · fum þe maiſte jewes
was neñ waſpaſiañ ſo wroþe · as whan þe wyes come
370 þt wer scorned & schende · vpon schame wyſe
þs knyȝtes byfor þe kyng · vpon knees fallen
& tolden þe tale · as ht tid hadde
Of þy manace ne þy myȝt · þey make bot lyte
þ9 ben we tovned of our tyre · in tokne of þe soþe
375 & boūden for ov bolde speche · þe batail þey willeđ
To morowe peme or ht paſſe · þey put ht no ferre
ht schal be satled on þy self · þe same þt þu atleſt
þ9 han þey cetifiet þe · & sende þe þs cheſes
wode wedande wroþ · waſpaſian was þāne
380 layde wecche to þe walle · & warned ī haſte

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þt alle manᵉ of mē · īn þe morowe scholde
Be sone aftᵉ þe sone · aſſembled ī þe felde
He ſtreyȝt vp a ſtandard · in a ſtour wyſe
Bild as a belfray · bretful of wepne
385 whā oȝt fayted in þe folke · pt to þe feld longed
Atte þe belfray to be · botnyng to fynde
A dragoū was dressed · drawyn alofte
Wyde gapande of gold · gomes to swelwe
wt arwes armed ī þe mouþe · & alſo he hadde
390 a fanchyn vndr hs feet · wt four kene bladdys
þe of þe poyntes wer piȝt · in ꝑtyis four
of þs wlonfulle worde · þe þei werr fondyn
In forbeſyn to þe folke · þs fanchouns hengeþ
þt þey hadde wonnen wt swerd · al þe world riche
395 a bal of brēnande gold · þe beſte was on sette
Hs tail tuyled þe a boute · þt towne scholde he neñe
whā he was lifte vp cn lofte · þe þe lord werred
bot ay lokande on þe londe · tille þt al lauȝte wer
þe by þe cite myȝt se · no ſetlyng welde riſe
400 Ne no trete of no trewes · bot þe toū ȝelde
Or ride on þe romayns · for þey hau her rede take
þe britned to be · or þe toū wȳne
hs wynges ſprad wer abrode · boū forto flee
wt belles bordered a boute · al of briȝt selñe
405 Redy whan ouȝte rūnen · to rynge fal loude
wt eche wynde of a wap · þt to þe wȳges sprongȳ
j brytaged aboute · þe belfray was þāne
wt a tenfal tour · þt oñ þe toū gawged
þe batail by þe briȝtneſſe · burnes myȝt knowe
410 four myle þe fro · so þe feldes schonen
& on eche pomel · wer pyȝt penſeles hyȝe
Of selke & sendel · wt selñe ybetyn
ht glitered as gled fur · ful of gold riche
Oñ al þe cite to se · as þe sōne bemys
415 byfor þe four ȝates · he formes to lenge
Syxtene þouſand by sōme · while þe sege laſteþ
sette ward on þe walles · þt noȝt a wey scaped
sixe þouſand ī tercle · þe cite alle a boute
was noȝt while þe nyȝt laſte · bot nehȳg of ſtedis
420 strogelyng ī ſtele wede · & ſtuffyng of helmes
wt armyng of olyfauntes · & oþe arwe beſtes
Aȝen þe ceſten to come · wt caſtels on bake
Waſpaſial ī ſtele wede · & hs wyes alle
werē diȝt forþ by day · & drowen to þe vale
425 Of joſophat þe jhu ceſt · shal juggen alle þīges
bigly batayled hȳ þe · to abide þs oþe
þe fanward titus toke · to telle vpon ferſte
wt six þouſand sondiours aſſyned for þe nones
& mony ĩ þe myd ward · were meked to lenge
430 þe waſpaſian was · wt pinces & dukes

& sixtene þouſand ī þe þedde · wt a þrynande knyȝt
Sir sabyn of surrie · a syker mā of armes
þt pence was of ꝑuynce · & michel peple ladde
fourty hūdred in helmes · & harnays to schewe
435 & ten þouſand atte tail · at þe tentis lafte
hors & harnays · fum harmyng to kepe
By þt bemys on þe burwe · blowen ful loude
& baners beden hē forþ · now bleſſe vs ov lorde.
The jewes assembled wer sone · & of þe cite come
440 An haudred þouſand on hors · wt hamberkes a tired
wt out folke vpon fot · at þe four ȝates
þt peſet to þe place · wt panyes on honde
fyf & twenti olyfaūtes · defensable beſtes
wt brede caſtels on bak · ot of burwe come
445 & on eche an olyfaūte · armed mē manye
ay an hūdred an hey · an hūdred wt yn
þo drowen dromedari9 doū · deuelich þicke
& hūdred þouſand & yheled · wt harnays of mayle
eche beſte wt a big tov · þe bold mē wer ynne
450 Twenty told by tale · in eche tov euene
Cameles cloſed ī ſtele · comē ot þāne
ffaſte toward þe feld · a ferlich nonbr
Buſked to batail · & on bak hadde
Echon a toret of tre · wt ten mē of armes
455 Chares ful of choſen · charged wt wepne
A wonder nonbr þe was · who so wite lyſte
Many douȝte þt day · þt was a dradde neuer
wer fond fey ī þe feld · er þt fiȝt endid
An olyfaūt yarmed · came ot at þe laſte
460 keuered myd a caſtel · was craftily ywroȝt
A tabernacle ī þe tov · atyred was riche
Piȝt as a paneloū · on pileres of selñe
A which of white selñe · walynde þe yn
On four goions of gold · þt ht fum grounde bar
465 A cloſen chayr þe by · on charbokeles twelfe
Betyn al wt barne gold · wt brēnāde ſergis
þe chekes of þe chayr · wer chabokles fyue
Coueed myd a riche cloþe · þe cayphas was sette
A plate of pulſched gold · was piȝt on hs breſte
470 wt many peciofe perle · & pured ſtones
lered mē of þe lawe · þt loude couþe ſynge
wt sawters seten hȳ by · & þe pſalmys tolde
of douȝty dd þe king · & oþe der ſtorijs
Of joſeph þe noble jewe & judas þe knyȝt
475 Cayphas of þe kyſt · kyppid a rolle
& radde how þe folke ran · þroȝ þe rerewarde
whan pharao & hs ferde · wer in þe floode drouned
& myche of moyſes lawe · he mȳned þt tyme
whan þs faiþles folke · to þe feld comē
480 & batayled aftᵉ þe bent · wt many a burne kene

Anmerkung: 439. In der Hdschr. steht þ als Initial.

for baūres · þt blaſed · & beſtes y armed
Myȝt no mā ſe þrow þe sonne · ne vneþ þe cite knowe
Waſpaſian dyuyſeþ · þe feld al a boute
þt was wt baners oū ſprad · to þe borwe wallis
485 To baroūs & bold mē · þt hȳ a boute wer
seiþ lordlynges a loude · leſtenyþ my speche
Her nys king noþe kynȝte · comen to þs place
Baroū ne burges · ne burne þt me folweþ
þt þe cauſe of hs comes · nys cest forto venge
490 Vpon þe faiþles folke · þat hȳ fayntly slowen
Byholdeþ þe heþyng · & þe harde woūdes
þe betȳg & þe byndȳg · þt þe body hadde
lat neuer þs lawles ledis · lauȝ at hs harmys
þt bouȝt vs ſum bale · wt blod of hs h̄te
495 quycke clayme þe querels · of alle quyk burnes
& clayme of eūeche kyng · saue of cest one
þt þs peple to pyne · no pite ne hadde
þt peueþ hs paſſioū · who ſo þe paas redeþ
ht nediþ noȝt at þs note · of nero to mynde
500 Ne to trete of no trewe · for tebute þt he aſkeþ
þt querel y quik cleyme · for oþe he ne wilneþ
of þs rebel to rome · bot reſoū to haue
Bot more þīg ī ov mȳde · aryueþ to day
þt by reſoū to rome · þe regnance fallyþ
505 Boþe þe myȝt & þe mayn · mayſte or ellys
& lord suþ of eche londe · þt liþe vnder heuē
lat neū þs faiþles folke · wt fiȝt vs wȳne
hors ne harnays · bot þey ht hart byen
plate ne peſan · ne pendauntes ende
510 while any lyme may laſte · or we þe lif haue
for þei bē feyn at þe fiȝt · falſ of byleue
& wel wenē at a wap · alle þey wold quelle
Noþe gounded on god · ne on no guace teſten
Bot alle ī ſtorijs of ſtour · & ī ſtrengþ one
515 & we ben diȝt to day · driȝten to seue
hey heuē kyng · hede to hs owne
þe ledes louten hȳ alle · & a loude sayde
to day þt fleþe any fote · þe fende haue hs soule
bemes blowen anō · blonkes to neȝe
520 stedis ſtampen ī þe felde · ſtif ſteil vnder
stiþ mē ī ſtiropys · ſtriden alofte
Knyȝtes croyſen hē self · cacchen her helmys
wt loude clarioū cry · & alle kyn pypys
tymbris · & tabovris · tonelande loude
525 ȝeuen a schillande ſchout · schrynken þe jewes
as wōmā schal ī a swem · whā hir þe wate neȝeþ
lacchen launces anō · lepyn to gedris
as fur ot of flynt ſton · ferde hē bytwene
douſt drof vpon lofte · dymedyn alle a boute
530 as þonder & þicke rayn · þrowolande ī ſkyes
beren burnes þrow · broſten launces
knyȝtes croſſchen doū · to þe cold erþe
ffooȝt faſte in þe felde · & ay þe fals vnder
doū swowande to swelt · wt ot swar more
535 Tytus tovneþ hȳ · to tolles of þe beſtes
for juſtes þe jolieſte · wt joyned of werr
suþ wt a briȝt bronde · he betiþ on harde
Tille þe brayn & þe blod · on þe bent ornen
souȝt þroȝ an oþe side · wt a sore wepne
540 bet on þe broū ſtele · while þe bladde laſte
an hey breydeþ þe brond · & as a bore lokeþ
how hetterly doū · hente who so wolde
alle briȝtned þe bent · as bemys of sōne
of þe gilden ger · & þe goode ſtones
545 ffor schyueryng of shendes · & schynyng of helmes
ht ferde as alle þe fermament · vp on a fur wer
waſpaſian in þe vale · þe fanward byholdeþ
how þe heþyn her · heldeþ to gounde
Cam wt a fair ferde · þe fals mē to mete
550 as grened griffoūs · girden in samen
spakly her ſpes · on sprotes þey ȝeden
scheldes at ſchidwod · on scheldres to clenen
schoken ot of scheþes · þt scharpe was ygroūden
& mallen metal · þroȝ vn mylt hertes
555 hewen on þe heþen · hurtlen to gedr
ffor schorne gild ſchrond · schedered burnee
Baches woxen a blode · a boute in þe vale
& gontes ſum golde wede · as goteres þey rūne
sir sabyn ſetteþ hȳ vp · whan ht so ȝede
560 Rideþ myd þe rereward · & alle þe route folweþ
kenely þe caſtels · came to aſſayle
þt þe beſtes on her bake · ot of burwe ladden
Atles on þe olyfauntes · þt orible wer
Girdiþ ot þe guttes · wt gounden ſpes
565 Rappis riſpen forþ · þt redles an hundred
Scholde be buſy to burie · pt on a bent laſte
caſtels clateren doū · þe cameles broſten
dromedaries to þe deþ · drowen ful ſwyþe
þe blode fomed hē fro · in þe flaſches a boute
570 þe kne depe in þe dale · daſcheden ſtedes
þe burnes ī þe bretages · þt a boue wer
for þe douſt & þe dyn · as alle doū ȝede
Al for ſtoppette in ſtele · ſterte blyndc wexen
whan hurdiȝs & hard erþe · hurtled to gedr
575 & vnder dromedaries · doū diȝten hē sone
was nō left vpon lyue · þt a lofte ſtandeþ
saue o lepy olyfaunt · at þe grete ȝate
þe as cayphas þe clerke · in caſtell rideþ
he say þe wrake on hē wende · & a way tovneþ
580 wt twelf mayſtres made · of moyſes lawe

an hundred helmed mē · hien hem aftͤ
Er þey of caſtel myȝt come · cauȝten hē alle
bounden þe biſchup · on bycchyd wyſe
þt þe blode ot barſt · eche band vnder
585 & broȝten þe biſchup · & alle hs bew clerkes
þͤ þe ſtandard ſtode · & ſtadded hē þͤ
þe beſte & þe britage · & alle þe briȝt ger
chair & chaundelers · & charbokel ſtones
þe rolles þt þey redden . & alle þe riche bokes
590 þey broȝte myd þe biſchup · þu hym bale þouȝte
A nō þe feyþles folke · fayleden herte
Tovned toward þe toū · & tytus hem aftͤ
ffele of þe fals ferde · in þe felde lefte
An hundred in her helmes · myd hs honde one
595 þe falſ jewes in þe felde · fallen so þicke
As hail froward heuē · hepe oū oþͤ
so was þe bent oū . brad blody byrūne
wt ded bodies a boute · alle þe brod vale
Myȝt no ſtede doū ſtap · bot · bot on ſtele wede
600 Or on burne oþͤ on beſte or on men · or on briȝt scheldes
so myche was þe m̄ltitude · þt on þe molde lafte
þͤ so many wer martred · m̊euail wer ellis
ȝit wer þe romayns as reſt · as þey fum rome come
Rōnen oū eche a renk · & noȝt a ryng broſten
605 Was no poynt ꝑſchid · of alle her ꝑs armur
to cͤſt hs knyȝtes gan kepe · tille cōplyn tyme
An hundred þouſand helmes · of þe heþen syde
wer fey fallen in þe felde · or þe fiȝt ended
saue seuē þouſand of þe sōme · þt to þe cite flowen
610 & wȳmē wt mychel wo · þe walles wt ynne
ledes lepen to a nō · lonk þe ȝates
Barrē hē bigly · wt bolces of yren
brayden vp brigges · wt bronden chaynes
& portecolis wt pile · picchen to gounde
615 þey wȳnen vp whyȝtly · þe walles to kepe
ffraſche vnfounded folke · & grete defence made
Tyeþ in to tovres · tonnes ful manye
wt grete ſtones of gret · & of gray marble
kepten kenly wt caſte . þe kernels a lofte
620 Quarten querels out · wt quarters attonys
þt oþͤ folke at þe fote · freſchly aſſayled
Tille eche dale wt dewe · was donked aboute
wt drowen hē fro þe diche · dukes & oþͤ
þe caſte was so kene · þt come fum þe walles
625 comē forþe wt þe kyng · clene as þey ȝede
woūded noȝt o wye · ne nō þt wem hadde
pͤnces to her paneloūs · paſſen on swyþe
vnarmē hē as tyt · & alle þe nyȝt reſten
wt wacche vmbe þe walles · to many wyes sorowe
630 þey wolle noȝt þe heþen her · so harmeles be lafte

sone as þe rede day · roſen þe schye
bemes blowen anō · burnes to aryſe
þe kyng comaūdeþ a cry · þt comſed was sone
þe ded bodies on þe bonke · bar forto make
635 To ſpoyle þe spilt folke · ſpar scholde none
Geten girdeles & ger · gold & goode ſtones
Byes broches · beſauntes riche
helmes hewen of gold · hamberkes manye
keſten ded vpon ded · was deil to byholde
640 made wide weyes · & to þe walles comen
aſſembleden at þe cite · sant to bygȳne
ffolke ferlich þycke · at þe four ȝates
þey broȝten toures of tre · þt þey taken hadde
a ȝen eūeche ȝate · ȝarken hem hey
645 bygōnnē at þe grettiſt · a garrite to rer
Groded vp fro þe gounde · on xij grete poſtes
he was wonderlich wide · wroȝt vpon hyȝte
ffyue hundred in frounte · to fiȝten at þe walles
hardy mē vp on haſte · hyen at þe grecys
650 & bygōnnen wt bir · þe borow to aſſayle
Quarels flambande of fur · flowen out harde
& arwes arwely · wt attyr envenymyd
Tayſen at þe toures · tachen on þe jewes
þreȝ kernels cacchen her deþ · many kene burnes
655 brenten & beten doū · þt bilde was wel þycke
broſten þe britages · & þe brode toures
By þt was many bold burne · þe burwe to aſſayle
þe hole batail boū · a boute þe brode walles
þt wer byg & brode · & bycchet to wȳne
660 wonder hey to byholde · wt holwe diches vnder
heye bonked a bone · vpon boþe sydes
Riȝt wicked to wȳne · bot ȝif wyles helpe
Bowmē atte bonke · benden her ger
schoten vp scharply · to þe schene walles
665 wt arwes & arblaſtes · & alle þt harme myȝt
To affray þe folke · þt defence made
þe jewes werien þe walles · wt wyles ynowe
hote blowande picche · a monge þe peple ȝeten
Brēnen leed & brynſton · barels fulle
670 schoten schynande doū · riȝt as schyr watͤ
Waſpaſian wendeþ fum þe walles · wariande hē alle
oþͤ buſked wer boū · benden engynes
keſten at þe kernels · cluſtred toures
& monye der daies worke · dongen to gounde
675 By þt wriȝtes han wroȝt · a wonder ſtronge pale
Alle aboute þe burwe · wt baſtiles manye
þt no segge vnder sōne · myȝt fum þe cite paſſe
suþ dōmyn þe diches · wt þe ded corſes
crāmē ht myd karayn · þe kirnels vnder
680 þt þe ſtynk of þe ſteem . myȝt ſtrike oū þe walles

To coþe þe corſed folke · þt hē kepe scholde
The cors of þe condit · þt comē to toū
ſtoppen eūeche a ſtreem · þe any ſtrem ȝede
wt ſtockes & ſtones · & ſtynkande beſtes
685 þt þey no wate myȝt wŷne · þt werē encloſed
Waſpaſian tovneþ to his tente · wt tit9 & oþe
cōmaūdeþ cōſail anō · on cayphas to sitte
wt deþ by dome · þt he dey scholde
wt þe lettered ledes · þt þey lauȝte hadde
690 Domes mē vpon deþes · demeden swyþe
þt ech freke wer quyk fleyn · þe felles of clene
þē to be on a bent · wt blonkes to drawe
and suþ honget on a hep · vpon heye galwes
þe feet to þe fmament · alle folke to byholden
695 wt hony vpon ech side · þe hydeles anoynted
corres & cattes · wt claures · ful scharpe
ffour kagges & knyt · to Cayphases þeyes
Twey apys at hs armes · to angren hȳ mor
þt renten þe rawe fleſche · vpon rede peces
700 so was he pyned fum peme · wt pſched sides
Tille þe sōne doū souȝt · in sōmere tyme
þe lered mē of þe lawe · a litel bynyþe
weren tovmented on a tre · topſail walten
knyt to eūech clerke · kene corres twey
705 þt alle þe cite myȝt se · þe sorow þt þey dryuē
þe jewes walten oū þe walles · for wo at þt tyme
seuē hundred slow hē self · for sorow of her clerkes
sōme hent her heer · & fum þe hed pulled
& sōme for deil · daſchande to gounde
710 þe kyng lete drawen hē a doū · whan þey dede wer
bade a bole fur betyn · to brēnen þe corſes
keſten cayphas þeyn · & hs clerkes twelf
& brēten eūeche bon · ī to þe browne aſkes
suþ went to þe walle · on þe wynde syde
715 & alle a brod on þe burwe · blewen þe powder
þe is douſt for ȝov drynke · a doū to hē crieþ
& bade hē bible of þt broþ · for þe biſchopes soule
þ9 ended covſed cayphas · & hs clerkes alle
alto bruſed myd beſtes · brent at þe laſte
720 In tokne of treſoū · & trey pt he wroȝt
whan ceſt þrow hs 9ſeil · was cacched to deþ
By þt was þe day don · dymned þe skyes
Merked mōtayns · & mores a boute
foules fallen to fote · & her feþres ruſken
725 þe nyȝt wacche to þe walles · & waytes to blowe
bryȝt fures a boute betyn · a brode ī þe oſte
þe kyng & hs cōſail · carpen to gedr
choſen chyuēntayns out · & chiden no mor
Bot charged þe chek wecche · & to chambr wēten
730 kynges & knyȝtes · to cacchen hē reſte

Waſpaſian lyþ in his logge · litel he slepiþ
Bot walwyþ & wyndiþ · & waltreþ a boute
ofte tovneþ for tene · & on þe toū þynkeþ
whan schadewes & schir day · scheden attwŷne
735 leuerockes vpon lofte · lyfteneþ her ſteuenes
burnes buſken hē ot of bedde · wt bemes loude
Boþe blowyng on bent · & on þe burwe walles
Waſpaſian bonnys of bedde · buſked hȳ fayr
fum þe fote to þe fourche · in fyne gold cloþes
740 suþ putteþ þe pence · oū hs pale wedes
a brynye browded þicke · wt a breſt plate
Grayþed of guy ſteel · & of gold riche
þe ouer he caſteþ a cote · colov of hs armys
a grete girdel of gold · wt out ger oþer
745 layþ vmbe hs lendis · wt lacchetes ynow
Abryȝt burneſch swerd · he belteþ alofte
of pur purged gold · þe pomel & þe hulte
A brod schynande scheld · on ſcholdir he hongiþ
bocklyd myd briȝt gold · aboue at þe necke
750 þe glowes of guy ſteel · þt wer wt gold hemyd
hanley harnays · & hs hors aſkeþ
þe gold hewen helme · haſpeþ he blyue
wt viſer & wt a vental · deuyſed for þe nones
a croune of clene gold · was cloſed vpon lofte
755 Rybānde vmbe þe rounde helm · ful of riche ſtones
pyȝt prudely wt ples · in to þe pur corners
& so wt saphyres sett · þe sydes a boute
He ſtrideþ on a ſtif ſtede · & ſtekeþ oū þe bente
liȝt as a lyoū · wer louſed ot of cheyne
760 hs segges sewen hȳ alle · & ech on ſayþe to oþe
þs is a comlich kyng · knyȝtes to lede
he boweþ to þe barres · or he bide wolde
betynge on wt þe brond · on þe bras rynges
comeþ caytifes forþ · ȝe þt ceſt slowen
765 knoweþ hȳ for ȝov kyng · or ȝe cacche mor
wayteþ doū fro þe walle · what wo hs on hande
May ȝe fecche ȝon no fode · þoȝ ȝe fey worþe
& þoȝȝe watelles wede · wŷne ȝe noȝt o droppe
þoȝ ȝe deþ scholde dey · daies in ȝov lyue
770 þe pale þt j. piȝt haue · paſſe ht who myȝt
þt is so byg on þe bonke · & haþ þe burowe cloſed
ffourty to fyȝten · aȝens fyue hundred
þoȝ ȝe wer etnes ecchon · in scholde we wende
& more māſchyp wer ht · ȝit mecy to by ſeche
775 þā metles marr · þer no myȝt helpyþ
was nō þt warpiþ a word · bot waytes her poyntes
ȝif ſtertis on ſtay · wt ſtones hē to kylle
þan wooþ as a wode bore · he wendeþ hs bridul
ȝif ȝe as dogges wol dey · þe deuel haue þt recche
780 & or j wende fro þs walle · ȝe schul wordes schewe

& efte spakloker speke · or y ȝoᵛ speche owene
by þᵗ a jewe joſophus · þe gentyl clerke
hadde wroȝt a wonder wyle · whan hē watᵉ fayled
Made wedes of wolle · in wete forto plunge
785 watᵉ waſchen as þey wer · & on þe walle hengen
þe wedes dropeden · doū deyed ȝerne
Rich riſes hē frō · þe romayns byholden
wenden wel her wedes · hadde waſſchyng so ryne
þᵗ no wye in þe wone · watᵉ schold fayle
790 Waſpaſian þe wile · wel ynow knewe
Loude he lawȝþe þᵉ at · & lordlynges byddis
No burne abaſched be · þoȝ þey þˢ boſt make
hᵗ beþ bot wyles of werr · for watᵉ hē fayleþ
þā was no þyng · bot a newe note to bygȳne
795 aſſaylen on eche a side · þe cite by halues
Merken myd manglOūs · ful vn mete dyntes
& myche of maſoūs note · þey marden þᵗ tyme
þᵉ of was joſophus war · þᵗ myche of werr couþe
& sette on þe walle ſide · sakkes myd chaf
800 Aȝens þe ſtrengþe of þe ſtroke · þᵉ þe ſtones hytte
þat alle dered noȝt a dyȝs · bot grete dyt made
þe romayns rūne to a nō · & on roddes knytte
Siþes for þe ſackes · þᵗ selly wer kene
Raȝten to þe ropis · rent hem in ſonder
805 þᵗ alle daſſchande doū · in to þe diche flatten
bot joſophus þe gynful · her engynes alle
brenten wᵗ brēnande oyle · & myche bale wroȝt
Waſpaſian woūded was þᵉ · wonderlich sore
þorow þe hard of þe hele · wᵗ an hande darte
810 þᵗ boot þrow þe bote · & þe bone nayled
of þe frytted fote · in þe ſolis syde
Sone aſſembled hȳ to · many sadde hundred
þᵗ wolden wrecken þe woūde · oþᵉ wo habben
þey bowyn to þe barres · bekered ȝerne
815 Fouȝt riȝt felly · foyned wᵗ spes
jolken jewes þroȝ engynes by þāne
wer manye bent at þe bonke · & to þe burwe þrewen
þᵉ wer ſelcouþes sen · as segges mowe here ·
A burne wᵗ a balwe ſton · was þe brayn clone
820 þe grettᵉ peſe of þe pāne · þe pyble forþ ſtrikeþ
þᵗ hᵗ flow ī to þe feld · a for long or more
a wōmā boūden wᵗ a barn · was on þe body hytte
wᵗ þe ſton on a ſtaf · as þe ſtoryj telleþ
þᵗ þe barn oᵗ brayde · fᵘm þe body clene
825 & was born vp as a bal · oū þe burwe walles
burnes wer brayned · & broſed to deþ
wȳmē wide open · walte vnder ſtones
frosletes fro þe ferſt · to þe flor þrylled
& many toret doū tilte · þe tēple a boute
830 þe cite had ben ſeiſed · myd sant at þᵗ tyme

Nad þe folke so fers · þᵗ þe fende sᵉued
þᵗ kilden on þe cᵉſten · & keptē þe walles
wᵗ arwes & arblaſtes · & archers manye
wᵗ spes & spryngold · spōnen oᵗ hard
835 Dryuē dartes a doū · ȝeuen depe woūdes
þᵗ manye renke oᵗ of rome · reſte of þᵗ sȳne
was mychel leuer a leche · þā layke myd hˢ ton
Waſpaſian ſtynteþ of þe ſtour · ſtewes hˢ burnes
þᵗ wer for beten & bled · vnder bryȝt yren
840 Tyen to her tentis · myd tene þᵗ þey hadde
al wery of þᵗ werk · & woūded ful sore
helmes & hamberkes · hadden of sone
leches by torche liȝt · loken her hurtes
waſchen woūdes wᵗ wyn · & wᵗ wolle ſtoppen
845 wᵗ oyle & oriſoū · ordeyned in charme
suþ eūeche a segge · to þe soper ȝede
þoȝ þey woūded wer · was no wo nempned
Bot daunſyng & nó deil · wᵗ dȳnyng of pipis
& þe nakerer noyſe · alle þe nyȝt tyme
850 whan þe derk was doū · & þe day spryngen
sone aftᵉ þe sōne sēbled þe grete
comē forþ wᵗ þe kyng · cōſeil to her
Alle þe knyȝthod clene · þᵗ for cᵉſt werred
Waſpaſian waiteþ a wide · hˢ wyes byholdeþ
855 þᵗ wer freſcher to fiȝt · þā at þe furſt tyme
pᵘyeþ pᵉnces on erneſt · & alle þe peple aftᵉ
þᵗ eche wye of þᵗ werr · schold hˢ wille specke
for or þˢ toū be take · & þˢ toures heye
Michel torſom & tene · vs tides on hande
860 þey toᵛned alle to tit⁹ · & hȳ þe tale scheweþ
of þe cite & þe sege · to seyn for hē alle
þā tit⁹ toᵛneþ hē to · & talkyng bygȳneþ
þ⁹ to layke wᵗ þˢ leſne · vs lympis þe worſe
for þey ben fele of defence · ferce mē & noble
865 & þˢ toured toū · is tenful to wȳne
þe worſt wrecche ī þe wone · may on walle lygge
ſtᵉke doū wᵗ a ſton · & ſtuny many knyȝtes
whā we schul houe & byholde · & litel harme wirche
& ay þe loþe of þe layk · ſhall liȝt on vs selue
870 Now mowe þey ferke no ferr · her fode forto wȳne
wolde we ſtynt of oᵛ ſtrif · whyle þey her ſtor maden
We scholde wᵗ hē honte · to hoke oᵗ of toū
For þᵉ as fayleþ þe fode · þᵉ is feynt ſtrengþe
& þᵉ as hūger is hote · ħtes ben feble
875 Alle aſſenteden to þe sawe · þᵗ to þe cite longed
a paied as þe pᵉnce · & þe peple wolde
To þe kyng wer called · cōſtables þāne
Marchals maſer mē · þᵗ he to tᵉſtiþ
He chargeþ hē cherfly · for chaūce þᵗ may falle
880 wᵗ wacche of waled mē · þe walles to kepe

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for we wol hūten at þe hart · þs heþes aboute
& hur racches rēne · a monge þs rowe bonkes
Ride to þe reū · & rer vp þe foules
se faucoūs fle · fele of þe beſte
885 Ech segge to þe solas · þt hȳ self lyked
pences ot of paneloūs · pesen on ſtedes
Tornen trifflyn · & on þe þe toū wayten
þs lyf þey ledde longe · & god ȝyue vs gace.
In Rome Nero haþ now · mychel noye wroȝt
890 To deþ pyned þe pope · & mychel peple quelled
petr apoſtlen pnce · & seint poule
seneka & þe senatovs · & alle þe cite fured
hs modir & hs myde wif · murdred to deþe
Combred ceſten fele · þt on ceſt leued
895 þe romayns reſen a nō · whā þey þ9 rewþe seyen
To quelle þe empov quyk · þt hē vnquemed hadde
þey pesſed to hs paleys · porayle & oþe
To brenten þe bold kyng · in hs burwe riche
þe cite & þe senatovs · aſſented hē boþe
900 Non oþe dede was to dōn · þey hau his dome ȝolden
þan flowe þt freke · frendles a lone
out at apere poſterne · & alle þe peple folwed
wt a tronchoū of tre · toke he no more
Of alle þe glowande gold · þt he on gounde hadde
905 On þt tronchoū wt hs teþ · he toggeþ & byteþ
Tille ht was piked at þe poynt · as apokes ende
þā a bideþ þt burne · & bitelych spekeþ
to alle þe wyes þt þe wer · wordes a loude
Tovneþ tuytovs aȝen · schal neū þe tale riſe
910 Of no karl by þe coppe · how he hs kyng quelde
hȳ self he ſtrykeþ myd þt ſtaf · ſtreȝt to þe hert
þt þe colke to clef · & þe kyng dyed
six monþe afte & no mor · þs myſchef bytydde
þt Waſpaſian was went · to werry on þe jewes
915 four mettyn myle ot of rome · to mynde for eūe
þt erſt was empov of alle · þ9 ended in sorow
þe grete to gedres þā · choſſem hē an oþe
On Gabba a gome · þt mychel grem hadde
þroȝ Othis lyons a lord · þt hȳ longe hated
920 & at þe laſt þt lord · out of lyf hȳ broȝt
Amydde þe market of rome · þe mette to gedres
þ Othis falliþ hȳ fey · ȝaf hȳ fale woūdis
þt four monþes & mor · hadde mayntened þe croune
& þo deyed þe duke · & þe diademe lefte
925 & whā þt gabba was gon · & to gounde broȝt
Othis entriþ on erneſt · & empov was made
þe mā ī hs maieſte · was monþes bot þre
þā he ȝeldeþ sathanas þe soule · & hȳ self quelled
þe romayns riſen vp a renk · rome for to kepe
930 A knyȝt þt vitel was calde · & hȳ þe croune rauȝte

Bot for sir sabyns sake · a segge was noble
Waſpaſian broþe of blode · þt he brytned hadde
Waſpaſian vpon vitel · to vengen hs broþe
souȝt ot of surrie · segges to rome
935 þt is naked as an nedul · þe newe empov
for sir sabyns sake . alle þe cite drowe hym
suþ gored þe gome · þt hs guttes alle
As a bowewed beſte · ī to hs breche felle
Doū ȝernande he ȝede · & ȝeldeþ þe soule
940 & kayȝt þe cors & kaſt ī to in tybre
seuen monþes þs mā · hadde septre on hande
& þ9 loſte he þe lyf · for hs luþe dedes
An oþe was to seke · þt septre schold haue
for alle þs grete bē gon · & neū a gayn tovnen
945 Now of þe cite & of þe sege · wolle y sey mor
How þs comelich kyng · þt for ceſt werreþ
Haþ holden yn þe heþen mē · þs oþe half wynte
þt neū burne was so bold · þe burwe for to paſſe
As he to dyn on a day · wt dukes was sette
950 comē renkes fum rome · rapande swyþe
jn bruneys & in bryȝt wede · wt bodeworde newe
lonten alle to þe lord · ĩres hym rauȝten
sayn comelich kyng · þe knyȝthod of rome
þreȝ þe senatovs aſſent · & alle þe cite ellis
955 Hau choſen þe her chyuētayn · her chef lord to worþe
and riche empov of rome · þ9 redeþ þs ĩres
þe lord vnlappeþ þe lef · þs ĩres byholdeþ
oū lokeþ ech a lyne · to þe laſt ende
Bordes born wer doū · & þe burne riſeþ
960 calleþ cōſail a nō · & kyþeþ þs ſpeche
ȝe ben burnes of my blod · þt y best wolde
My sone is next to my self · & oþe sib manye
sir sabyn of surrie · a seggeþt y teſte
& oþe frendes fele · þt me fayþ owen
965 Now is me bodeword of blys · broȝt froward rome
To be lord oū þt lond · as þs ĩres spekeþ
sir sabyn of surrie · sey þe by honyþ
How y myȝt sauy my self · & j so wroȝt
ffor y haue heylych heyȝt · her forto lenge
970 Tille y þs toured doū · hau taken at wille
& me þe ȝates ben ȝet · & ȝolden þe keyes
& suþ houſhed on hem þt þis hold kepyn
broſten & beten doū · þs britages heye
þt neū ſton i þt ſtede · ſtond vpon oþer
975 kyþe þe cōſail sir knyȝt · þs kyng to hȳ sayde
for ywol worche by þy witt · ȝif worſchip may folowe
þā seiþ sir sabyn a nō · semelich lord
we ben wyes þe wt · þy worſchup so furþe
of longe tyme bylafte · & ledes þȳ owen
980 þt we dōn is þy dede · may no mā demē elles

þe dom demed was þe · who so doþ by an oþe
schal be ſoferayn hȳ self · seint in þe werke
for as fers is þe freke · atte ferr ende
þt ofte fleis þe fel · as he þt foot holdeþ
985 By take tyt9 þy sone · þs toū forto kepe
& to þe douȝty duke · domyſſian hs broþe
her j holde vp mȳ honde · myd hē forto lenge
wt alle þe here þt j haue · while my herte laſteþ
& þu schalt ride to rome · & receyue þe croune
990 jn honov empov to be · as þȳ cure schapiþ
so may þy couenaūt be kept · þt þu to ceſt made
þy self deſt þt þy sondiovs · by þȳ aſſent worchen
þā wt aliouš lote · he lifte vp þe eyen
To titus tovneþ a nō · & hȳ þe tale schewed
995 & as sir sabyn hadde seid · he hȳ sone guunteþ
wt hs broþe & þe burne · as he hȳ bleſſe wolde
& j wol tarie at þs toū · til j ht taken haue
Made weys þrow · for wenes & cartes
Our boþee heſte to holde · ȝif me þe happis tydiþ
1000 Or her be to hewen · or j hēnes paſſe
A boke on abrode scheld · was broȝt on to swer
alle burnes boden þe honde · & barouš ht kyſſen
To be leel to þt lord · pt hē lede scholde
sir tit9 þe trewe kyng · tille þey þe toū hadde
1005 fayn as þe foul of day · was þe freke þāne ,
kyſſeþ knyȝtes a nō · wt carful wordes
My wele & my worſchup · ȝe weldeþ to kepe
for þe treſov of my treuþ · vpon þs toū hengyþ
I nold þs toū wer vn take · ne þs toures heye
1010 for alle þe glowande golde · vpon gounde riche
be no ſton ī þe ſtede · ſtonden a lofte
Bot alle ouš tovned · & tilt tēple & oþe
þus laccheþ hs leeue · at hs ledes alle
wende wepande a way · & on þe walles lokeþ
1015 puieþ as he gooþ · hem grace to sende
To hold þt þey byhet hau · & neū her ħte chaūge
Now is Waſpaſian went · ouš wale ſtremys
Euen entred in to rome · & empov maked
& tit9 for þe tydyng · hau take mychel joye
1020 þt in hs synwys ſoudeynly · a sykneſſe is fallen
þe freke for þe fayndom · of þe fader blyſſe
wt a cramp & a colde · cauȝt was so hard
þt þe fyngres & feet · fuſtes & joyntes
was lyþy as a leke · & loſt hau her ſtrengþe
1025 ben croked aȝens kynde · & as a crepel woxen
& whā þey sey hȳ so · many segge wepyþ
þey wende to þe cite · & ſouȝten a leche
þt couþ keñe þe kyng · & condis delyueryn
whan þey þe cyte hadde souȝt · wt seggys a boute
1030 fynde couþe þey no mā · þt on þe feet couþe

saue þe self josophus · þt surgyan was noble
& he graunted to go · wt a goode wylle
whan he was comē to þe kyng · & þe cauſe wyſte
how þe segge ſo ſodeynly · in ſykneſſe is fallen
1035 Tille he haue complet hs cure · condit he aſkeþ
for what burne of þe burwe · þt he brynge wolde
þe kyng was glad alle to graunte · þt þe gome wylued
& he ferkiþ hȳ forþ · fettes ful blyue
A mā to þe mody kyng · þt he moſte hated
1040 & yn bryngeþ þe burne · to hs beddes syde
whan tytus saw þt segge · sodeynly wt eyen
hs herte in an hote yre · so hetterly riſeþ
þt þe blode bygan to spred · a brode in þe vaynes
& þe synwes reſorte · in her self kynde
1045 ffeet & alle þe fetoures · as þey byfore wer
comȳ ī her owen kynd · & þe kynge ryſeþ
þonkeþ god of hs gce · & þe goode leche
Of alle saue þt hs enemy · was yn on hȳ broȝt
þan sayþ joſophus · þs segge haþ þe holpyn
1050 & her haþ be þy bote · þoȝ þu hȳ bale wolde
þefor guunte hȳ þy gce · aȝen hs goode dede
& be frende wt þy fomā · þt frendſchup haþ seued
þe kyng satles wt þe segge · þt hȳ saued hadde
& þe grauted hȳ gce · to go wher he wolde
1055 wt joſophus he made joye · & jewels hȳ rauȝte
beſauntes byes of gold · broches & ryngys
Bot alle for ſakeþ þe segge · & to þe cite ȝede
wt condit as he come · he kepiþ no more
Now tytus segyþ þe toū · þe tene is on hande
1060 for hard hunge & hote · þt hē is bylompyn
& of þe tene ī þe toū · wer hard for to telle
what moryne & meſchef · for mete is byfalle
for four dayes byfor · þey no fode hadde
Noþe fiſch nor fleſch · freke on to byte
1065 bred browet ne broþe · ne beſte vpon lyue
Wyn ne wate to drynke · bot wope of hē self
Olde scheldes & schone · scharply þey eten
þt liflode for ladies · was luþe to schewe
fellen doū for defaute · platte to þe gounde
1070 Ded as a dore nayl · eche day many hundred
Wo wakned þycke · as wolues þey ferde
The wye waried on þe woke · alle hs wombe fille
On marie a myld wyf · for meſchefe of foode
Hir owen barn þt ȝo bar · ȝo brad on þe gledis
1075 Roſtyþ rigge & rib · wt rewful wordes
sayþ sone vpon eche side · ov sorow is a lofte
batail a boute þe borwe · ov bodies to quelle
wt yn hunge so hote · þt neȝ ov ħte breſtyþ
þefor ȝeld þt j þe ȝaf · & aȝen tovne
1080 & entr þe þu cam out · & etyþ a schoulder

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þe smel roos of þe rost · riȝt to þe walles
þt fele faſtyng folke · felde þe saue
Dou̅ þey daſchen þe dore · dey scholde þe berde
þt mete yn þs meſchef · hadde frō mē loyned
1085 þā saiþ þt worþi wif · in a wode hung*e*
My̅ owen barn haue j brad · & þe bones gnawen
ȝit haue j saued ȝu sōm · & forþ a side fecceþ
Of þe barn þt ȝo bar · & alle hir blode chaungeþ
a way þey went for wo · wepyng echone
1090 alas in þs lif · how longe schul we dwelle
& sayn ȝit bet*e* wer at o brayde · in batail to deye
þā þ9 in langv to lyue · & lengþen ov fyne
þā þey demeden a dom · þt deil was to hure
To voiden alle by vile deþ · þt viteylys deſtuyed
1095 wy̅men & weyke folke · þt werē of olde age
Myȝt noȝt stonde ī ſtede · bot her ſtor mardyn
Aft*e* to touche of trewe · to trete wt þe lord
Bot tit9 gunteþ noȝt for gile · þt þe gomes þenke
ffor he is wiſe þt is war · or hy̅ wo hape
1100 & wt falſede afer · is fairest to dele
To worchyn vnder þe wal · wyes þey caſten
whan tytus nold no trewe · to þe tou̅ gunte
wt mynovs & maſōns · myne þey bygou̅e
Grobben faſte on þe grou̅de · & god ȝyue vs joye
1105 His tytus aft*e* a tyme · vmbe þe tou̅ redeþ
wiþ sixty spes of þe sege · segges a fewe
alle out wt þe oſt · out of a kane
vp a buſchment brake · alle of briȝt hedis
fyf hundred fiȝtyng mē · & fellen hē aboute
1110 In jepouns & jambers · jewes þey wer
hadde wroȝt hē a wey · & þe wal myned
& tit9 tovneþ hē to · wt out tale mor
schaftes schedred wer sone · & scheldes yþrelled
brunyes & briȝt wede · blody by ru̅ne
1115 & many segge at þt sante · souȝte to þe grou̅de
hacchen vpon hard ſteel · with an ħty wylle
þt fur ot flowen · as of flynt ſtonys
of þe helm & þe hed · hewen at tonys
þe ſtompe vnder ſtede feet · in þe steel leueþ
1120 The ȝong duk domycian · of þe dyn herde
and diſſed out of þe oſt · wt eȝte hundred spes
ffel on þe falſ folke · vmbe feldes hem sone
As bestes bretnes hē alle · & haþ hs broþ*e* holpen
þā titus toward hs tentes · tovneþ hy̅ sone
1125 Makeþ mynov & mē · þe myne to ſtoppe
aft*e* he pfreþ hem pes · for pyte þt he hadde
whan he wiſt of her wo · þt wer wtyn ſtoken
Bot jon þe jenfulle · þt þe jewes ladde
an oþ*e* symōd of hs aſſent · forſoke þe pfre
1130 sayn leū in þs lif . lengen hē wer

þā any renke ot of rome · joyced her sorowe
sale in þe cite · was ceſed wt þāne
was noȝt for beſauntes to bye · þt mē bite myȝt
for a ferþyng worþ of fode · floryns an hundred
1135 p*e*nces pfren in þe tou̅ · to pay in þe fuste
Bot alle was boteles bale · fro who so bred hadde
Nold a gobett haue ȝouen · for goode vpon lyue
wy̅mē falwed faſte · & her face chaungen
ffeynte & fallen dou̅ · þt so fair wer
1140 swonnē swallen as swyn · sō swart wexen
sō leue on to loke · as lat*e*ne hornes
þe morayne was ſo myche · þt nomā couþe telle
wher to burie in þe burwe · þe bodies þt wer ded
Bot wenten wt hē to þe walle · & walten eūe
1145 In to þe depe of þe diche depe · þe ded dou̅ fallen
whan tit9 told was þe tale · to trewe god he vouched
þt hadde ppfred hē pes · & gete pite hadde
þo pvied he he hadde joſophus · to p*e*che þe peple
enforme hē to saue hē self · & þe cite ȝelde
1150 Bot jon forsoke þe sawe · so forto wyrche
wt symond þt oþ*e* segge · þt þe cyte ladde
Myche peple for þe p*e*chyng · at þe poſt*e*ne ȝatis
Tyen out of þe tou̅ · & tytus þey byſecheþ
To forȝyue hē þe gult · þt þey to god wroȝt
1155 & he gunteþ hē guce · & gaylers bytauȝt
Bot whā þey metten wt mete · vn myȝty þey wer
Any fode to defye · þ faynt was her ſtrengþe
fful þe gottes of gold · eche gome hadde
left ſomē fongen hē schold · her floreyns þey eten
1160 whā ht was broȝt vp abrode · & þe bourd aſpyed
souȝten leue of þt lord · ledes hē slowen
Toren eūeche a gome · & þe gold taken
ffayn of þe floreyns · wer þe frekes alle
ay wer þe ȝates vnget · tille two ȝeres ende
1165 so longe þey þouȝt ht by ſege · or þey þe tou̅ hadde
Eleuen hundred þouſand jewes · m þe mene whyle
swalten while þe sweng laſt · by swerd & by hung*e*
Now tit9 ꝯſeil haþ take · þe tou̅ to aſſayle
To wy̅ne ht on eche side · of warwolues handes
1170 Neū pyte ne pees · pfre hem more
Ne gome þt he gete may · to no guce taken
armen hē as tyt · alle for þe werr
Tyen euen to þe tou̅ · wt trompis & pypys
wt nakerers & gete noyce · neȝen þe walles
1175 þ*e* many ſtyf mā & ſtour · ſtondiþ a lofte
sir sabyn of surrye · on a syde ȝede
þe ȝong duke domycian · drew to an oþ*e*
xv þouſand mē · eche freke hadde
wt many maū of engyne · & mynovs ynowe
1180 Tyt9 at þe tou̅ ȝate · wt ten þouſand helmes

Merkeþ mynovrs at þe wal · wher þey mydne scholde
On ech ſide for þe aſſaute · ſetteþ engynes
& bold brayned mē · in belfrayes heye
was noȝt bot dyn & dyt · as alle deye ſcholde
1185 So eche lyuande lyf · layeþ on oþer
At eche kernel was cry · & quaſſchyng of wepne
& many burne atte brayd · brayned to deþ
sir sabyn of surrye · whyle þe saute laſte
leyþe a ladder to þe wal · & a loſte clymyþ
1190 wendeþ wyȝtly þeron · þoȝ hȳ wo happned
& vp ſtondiþ for ſton · or for ſteel gere
syx he slow on þe wal · sir sabyn al one
þe seueþ hitteþ on hȳ · an vnhende dynte
þt þe brayn out braſt · at boþ noſe þrylles
1195 & sabyn ded of þe dynt · in to þe diche falleþ
þā tyt9 wepyþ for wo · & warieþ þe tyme
Syþ he þe lede haþ loſt · þt he loue scholde
ffor now is a duke ded · þe douȝtieſt y trowe
þt eñ ſtede bystrode · or any ſteel wered
1200 Tyt9 on þe same side · setteþ an engyne
a sowe wroȝt for þe werr · & to þe wal dryueþ
þt alle oñwalte þe he went · & wyes an hundred
wer ded of þt dynt · & ī þe diche lyȝten
þā tyt heueþ vp þe honde · & heuē kyng þonkeþ
1205 þt þey þe dukes deþ · hau so der bouȝte
þe jewes perien þe pees · þs was þe paſke euene
& þe comelich kyng · þe keyes out rauȝten
Nay tutovrs χ tyt9 · now take hē ȝov selfen
ffor schal no ward on ȝov wal · vs þe way lette
1210 We hau getē vs a gate · aȝen ȝov wille
þt schal be satled sour · on ȝour sory kynde
or þe ȝates wer ȝolden · þre ȝer byfore
oñ þe cyte wer seyn · selcouþe þynges
a bryȝt brendyng swerd · oñ þe burwe henged
1215 wt out hond oþe helpe · saue þe heuē one
armed mē in þe ayer · vpon oſt wyſe
oñ þe cyte wer seyn · sundrede tymes
a calf aȝen kynde · calued ī þe temple
& eued an ewe lombe · at offryng tyme
1220 a wye on þe wal · cred wonder heye
voys fum eſt & fum weſt · & fum þe four wyndis
& sayd wo wo wo · worþ on ȝu boþe
Jerim þe jewen toū · & þe joly temple
In þe same tyme þe toū · was taken & ȝolden
1225 ȝit ſayþ þe wye on þe walle · o word mor
wo to þs wordly wone · & wo to my selue
He deyd whan he don hadde · þrow dynt of slynge
& haplich was had a way · how · wyſt j neñe
& þā þey deuyſed hē · & vengaūce ht helde
1230 & wyten her wo · þe wronge þt þey wroȝte
whan þey brutned ī þe burwe · þe byſchup seint jame
Noȝt wolde a coūte ht for creſt · þe car þt þey hadde
bot vp ȝeden her ȝates · & ȝelden hē alle
wt out brunee & briȝt wede · in her bar chertes
1235 ffrom none tille þe merke nyȝt · neñ ne ceſed
bot mā afte mā · mercy by ſouȝt
Tytus in to þe toū · takeþ hs wey
Myȝt no mā ſtoken on þe ſtret · for stynke of ded corſes
þe peple ī þe pamēt · was pite to byholde
1240 þt wer enfamyed for defaute · whā hē fode wanted
was noȝt on ladies laſte · bot þe leue bones
þt wer fleſchy byfor · & fayr on to loke
burges wt balies · as barels or þt tyme
No gretter þā a grehounde · to grype on þe medil
1245 Tytus tarieþ noȝt for þt · bot to þe tēple wendiþ
þt was rayled þe roof · wt rebies grete
wt ples & pitotes · alle þe place ferde
as glowande gledfur · þt on gold flikeþ
þe dores ful of dyemauntes · dryuen wer ſicke
1250 & made merueylous lye · wt mergeri ples
derſt no candel be tende · whā clerkes scholde riſe
so wer þey lemaūde lyȝt · & as a lampe schouen
þe clerkes hadde none oþe lyȝt · whēne þt þey dede ryſe
þe romayns wayten on þe werke · warien þe tyme
1255 þt eñ ſo precious a place . scholde pſche for her sȳne
out þe treſov to take · tytus cōmaūdyþ
Doū bete þe bilde · brēne ht in to grounde
þe was plente ī þe place · of precious ſtonys
grete gaddes of gold · who ſo grype lyſte
1260 platis pecis of pureys · pulſched veſſel
Baſſynes of brend gold · & oþe bryȝt ger
pelours maſly made · of metals fele
In coppe crafty caſt · & in clene selñe
peynted as pur gold · alle þe · place was oñ
1265 þe romayns renten hē doū · & to rome ledyn
whā þey þe cyte han souȝt · vpon þe same wyſe
Telle couþe no tonge þe treſours · þt þey þe founden
Jewels for joly mē · jewels riche
ffloreyns of rede gold · no freke wanted
1270 Riche pelour & pane · prnces to wer
Beſautes bies of gold · broches & rynges
clene cloþes of selke · many carte fulle
wele wanteþ no wye · bot wale what hȳ lykeþ
Now maſouns & mynovrs · hau þe molde souȝte
1275 wt pykeyſe & ponſone · pſched þe walles
Hewen þrow hard ſton · hadde hē to grounde
þt alle derkned þe diche · for douſt of þe þonder
so þey wrouȝten at þe wal · alle þe weke tyme
Tille alle þe cyte was serched · & souȝt al aboute
1280 Maden waſt at þe wappe · þe þe walle ſtode

boþe ī tēple & in to^v · alle þe toū oñ
Nas no ston in þe stede · stondande alofte
Morter ne made walle · bot alle to mulle fallen
Noþ tymbr ne tre · temple ne oþ^e
1285 bot doū betyn & brent · in to blake erþe
& whā þe tēple was oñ torned · tit^9 cōmaūdys
jn plowes to putte · & alle þe place erye
suþ sow h^t w^t salt · & seide þ^s wordes
Now is þ^s stalwourþe stede · dist^oied for eñe
1290 Tyt^9 suþ sett hȳ · on a sete riche
as juge jewes to jugge · justise hȳ self
Criour callen hē forþ · as hy þ^t c^est slowen
& beden pilat apere · þ^t puost was þāne
pilat proffriþ hȳ forþ · apered at þe barr
1295 & he frayneþ þe freke · alle w^t fair wordis
whā c^est of dawe was don · & toþe deþ ȝede
of þe heuyng þ^t he hadde · & þe hard woūdis
& of þe tene þ^t hȳ tidde · telle hȳ þe soþe
þā melye þe mā · & þe mat^ee tolde
1300 how alle þe ded was don · whā he deþ þoled
for þ^etty penyes in a poke · h^s postel hȳ solde
so was he bargayned & bouȝt · & as a beste quelled
Now cursed be he χ þe kyng · þ^t þe cate made
he wexe a marchaūte amys · þ^t þe money fenged
1305 To sille so p^ecyous ap^ince · for penyes so fewe
Thowȝ eñy ferþynge hadde be worth · floreyns a hondredde

bot j schal marchaūdise make · in mynde of þ^t oþ^e
þ^t schal be heþyng to hē · or j hēues passe
Alle þ^t here bodyes wel by · or bargaynes make
1310 by lower p^es forto passe · þā þey þe pphete solde
he made in myddel of ost · amarket to crye
Alle þ^t cheffare wolde chepe · chepis to haue
ay for a peny of p^es · who so pay wolde
þrytty jewes in aþrom · þrongen in ropis
1315 So wer þey bargayned & bouȝt · & broȝt o^t of londe
Neñ suþ o^t of þ^t syde · cam segge of hē aft^e
Ne nō þ^t leued in her lawe · scholde ī þ^t londe dwelle
þt turmēted t^ewe god · þ^9 titus cōmaūdyþ
Josophus þe gētile clerke · a jorneyd was to rome
1320 þ^e of þ^s mat^e & mo · he made fayr bokes
& pilat to p^esoū was do · to pyne for eñe
At Viterbe þ^e he vēiaūce · & vile deþ þoled
þe wye þ^t hȳ warded · wente on a tyme
hȳ self fedyng w^t frut · & fesfyt hȳ w^t a per
1325 & for to paren h^s pe · he p^uieþ hym ȝerne
of a knyf & þe kempe · kest hȳ a trencho^v
& w^t þe same he schef · hȳ self to þe herte
& so þe kaytif as h^s kynde · corsedlich deied
whā alle was demed & dempte · þey drew vp tentis
1330 Trossen her treso^v · & trompen vp þe sege
wenten syngyng a way · & han her wille forþred
& hom riden to rome · now rede ous our lord.

hic t^eat^u bellū judaicū ap^d jerlm.

